

The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was not written for publication in a law journal and is not binding precedent of the Board.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

MAILED

AUG 29 2006

PAT. & T.M. OFFICE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte AVI J. ASHKENAZI, KEVIN P. BAKER, DAVID BOTSTEIN,
LUC DESNOYERS, DAN L. EATON, NAPOLEONE FERRARA, SHERMAN FONG,
HANSPETER GERBER, MARY E. GERRITSEN, AUDREY GODDARD,
PAUL J. GODOWSKI, J. CHRISTOPHER GRIMALDI, AUSTIN L. GURNEY,
IVAR J. KLJAVIN, MARY A. NAPIER, JAMES PAN, NICHOLAS F. PAONI,
MARGARET ANN ROY, TIMOTHY A. STEWART, DANIEL TUMAS,
COLIN K. WATANABE, P. MICKEY WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM I. WOOD and ZEMIN ZHANG

Appeal No. 2006-2360
Application No. 09/993,604

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

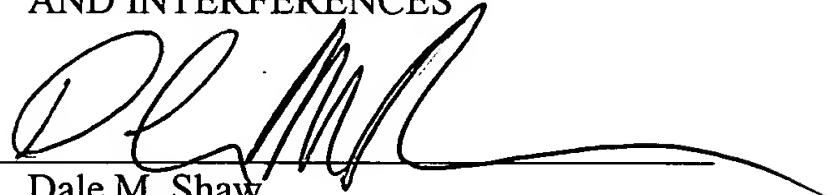
On October 28, 2005, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On June 29, 2006, counsel for the appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

By: _____



Dale M. Shaw
Deputy Chief Appeal Administrator
(571)272-9797

DMS/lbg

HELLER EHRMAN, LLP
275 MIDDLEFIELD ROAD
MENLO PARK, CA 94025